

Role of Aging and Disability Services

Regarding Transportation

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What is Aging and Disability Services?

Aging and Disability Services (ADS) serves as the Area Agency on Aging for King County. ADS is a collaboration among the City of Seattle, King County and United Way. ADS administers the National Older Americans Act funding for King County. Transportation services are one of the areas addressed with that funding, along with Nutrition, Caregiving, etc.

What does ADS have to do with Transportation?

- ✓ The role that ADS currently plays in the Transportation arena is as a funder for the **Volunteer Transportation Program**, currently delivered by Senior Services.
- ✓ The ADS clients who receive services under the Medicaid Title XIX Personal Care Program, will also be able to access Medicaid Transportation through providers here in the County. ADS does not directly fund or coordinate Medicaid Transportation.
- ✓ ADS is currently serving as the convener of a County-wide discussion group of some of the major providers whose services impact transportation in King County. The group is known as the “Key Partners in Transportation” (KPIT).

How does ADS set priorities for Older Americans’ Act services?

Every two years, ADS conducts a public process to determine the areas of need for service in King County. This public process is part of the requirements for developing an **Area Plan** for administering the Older Americans Act resources.

- ✓ At every public meeting, **Transportation and Housing** emerge as the two top areas of need for older persons and persons with disabilities.
- ✓ Also, delivering Home Care services to ADS clients is increasingly being severely impacted because of Transportation issues. Personal Care workers are required to get to and from clients’ homes, using either public transportation or their own vehicles. They may also drive clients to medical appointments.

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